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GPO'S McPHERSON SQUARE BOOKSTORE TO CLOSE

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) plans to close its McPherson Square bookstore to the public permanently on Friday, July 27, 2001. The bookstore is located at 1510 H Street, NW.

The bookstore will be closed due to significantly reduced sales resulting primarily from the public's increased ability to access Government publications free of charge over the Internet, including most prominently the more than 200,000 Government titles currently available on the GPO's own Web site, *GPO Access* (www.gpo.gov). With declining book sales nationwide, GPO is making changes in its sales program, including its other 23 bookstores. In addition to the McPherson Square bookstore, GPO has closed its San Francisco bookstore and plans to close its Boston bookstore. Other bookstore closings are under consideration.

The closing of the McPherson Square bookstore will not deprive residents in the Washington, DC, area of access to U.S. Government publications. Two GPO bookstores in the area will remain open: the main GPO bookstore, at 710 North Capitol Street, NW (202-512-0132); and a bookstore at GPO's publications warehouse at 8660 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD (301-953-7974).

Those wishing to buy Government books can also link to the U.S. Government Online Bookstore at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov>. The Online Bookstore's Sales Product Catalog includes all titles available for sale and can be searched by publication title, subject, or keywords. All available titles can be ordered securely online using Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover/Novus credit cards.

U.S. Government books can also be ordered toll free by telephone from 866-512-1800, 730 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time; by fax from 202-512-2250; or by mail from Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.

Washington, DC, area residents can also continue to locate and use U.S. Government books as well as online Government information free of charge in any of their local Federal depository libraries open to the public. In the DC area, many Federal departments and agencies have Federal depository collections, and depository collections are also located at:

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